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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Commissioner:

In response to the restriction requirement dated December 21, 2004, the applicant elects Group I, claims 1-22. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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